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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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	:	Examiner: L. Nguyen
MASAKI OIKAWA	)	
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THEREFOR	)	August 27, 2003

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Examiner is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Each of the documents has been cited in parent Application No. 10/150,917. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of the cited documents are not being provided herewith.

US '124, US '262, US '600, US '359, US '333, US '129, US '796, US '895, US '340, US '112, JP '670, JP '461, JP '905, JP '608, JP '504 and JP '500 were cited

in an Information Disclosure Statement filed October 8, 2002, in the parent application. JP '905, JP '608, JP '504 and JP '500 are discussed at pages 4-8 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '895 corresponds to JP '905, US '112 corresponds to JP '500 and US '340 corresponds to JP '608. US '124, US '262, US '600, US '359, US '333, US '129, US '796, JP '670 and JP '461, which generally relate to ink jet recording, are discussed at pages 40-42 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

EP '751, EP '962 and JP '847 were cited in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed October 28, 2002 and were listed in a Search Report of a corresponding European application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Search Report is included for the Examiner's convenience.

US '146, US '710, US '688, US '076 and US '407 were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated November 6, 2002, in the parent application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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